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SUBJ: MIG-24 IRANIAN OVERFLIGHTS

REF A. TEHRAN 10268 B. STATE 280200

1. IIAF AND ARMISH MAAG OFFICERS HAVE COMPLETED EXHAUSTIVE FIFTY PAGE INVESTIGATION OF REPORTED MIG-25 OVERFLIGHTS. THOROUGH TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF THE ALLEGED SIGHTINGS BASED ON THIS COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING FORWARDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. EVALUATION CONCLUDES THAT OF 21 POSSIBLE RADAR TRACKS ALL BUT 4, OR PERHAPS 5, CAN BE DISCOUNTED.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH THE SHAH AT NOVEMBER 27 JOINT WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION, AMBASSADOR AND VISITING USAF MG LEAVITT STATED THAT IN EUROPE TROPOSPHERIC REFLECTION OF RADAR ENERGY HAS BEEN KNOWN TO CREATE FALSE IMAGES, AND THAT THIS COULD BE A SOURCE OF ERROR IN INTERPRETATION TO EXPLAIN APPARENT OVERFLIGHTS HERE RECENTLY. SHAH SEEMED SATISFIED FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION AND HAS NOT PURSUED THE MATTER.

3. FOLLOWING DAY SIMILAR DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE WITH MINISTER OF COURT HOVEYDA, WHO HAD INITIALLY RAISED
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QUESTION WITH US (SEE REFTEL A). HOVEYDA ALSO SEEMED SATISFIED.
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